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Indianapolis Elks Take Much Pleasure In Beautiful Home

Their Convenient and Handsomely Decorated Quarters on Maryland Street a Favorite Resort for Members of the Order

the fight again as soon as they close the that he needed. When he died his body doors behind them. No matter how bitter was brought back, and he was given the these men may feel toward each other when best burial that money could provide. His In the political arena, as soon as they walk widow had \$100 or so left when she wrote into this building all antagonism or rivalry for the doctor's bill that had been paid, is forgotten, and politics, so to speak, is and, poor soul, she didn't know that her left at the doorstep. This place of good little sum of money would not have paid feeling is no other than the Elks' club and a quarter of the account. Then she went lodge rooms, on East Maryland street, to pay the grocer, and found that his bill Quite a number of well-known politicians also was settled, and she had credit for \$50 are members of this order. However, as there. In fact, all expenses were paid so everyone knows that brotherly love is one that she could start even with the world, of the strongest beliefs of the organization, and besides this, money was given her so it is little wonder that these men forget that she could educate her children. But their vocation when they enter its halls, so far as saying anything to her as to For it is a place where business cares are where the money came from, it was never laid aside, and the members drop in from mentioned. She, of course, suspected that their offices and spend a social half-hour it was the lodge, but there was never any-

with each other often during the day. One member who enjoys the rest from under any obligations, cares and labors at the Elks is John Mitchell, of the Mine Workers. It is said that he The club and lodge rooms of the local likes nothing better than to come to the lodge of Elks are as handsome as any in clubrooms, take off his coat, collar and the city, and far above the average. They necktie, go down in the bowling alleys and are located in a large three-story brick as he can send them over the smooth plat- all the furnishings, represents an outlay of forms. When he has had sufficient exer- \$52,000. All of the stock was owned by incise in this way he resumes his attire and dividual members of the lodge, and this returns to his work at his office much re- subscription is now being redeemed by the freshed. There are a number of other order. The place has been completed for prominent men, both business and profes- three years, and at the present time over sional, who like to get away from their one-half of the stock has been taken up by duties long enough to have a short rest in the lodge. Many of the members, however, a quiet and retired place. They can get off do not wish to have their shares redeemed, to themselves in an obscure corner with a for they consider it a good-paying investbook and a cigar and enjoy themselves in ment, as they are receiving 6 per cent., and this manner, or they can take their pleas- have the assurance that if at any time they ure in sports of a more vigorous nature, wish to turn the stock to ready money they and bowl or play billiards; or, if they so can do so within twenty minutes. desire, three or four of them can lounge in When the local lodge definitely decided large, comfortable easy chairs, and with to build the new club and lodge fooms a

HERE is one place in Indianapolis best physician the place had, but he was where political opponents can too far gone when he started, and instead talk with each other for hours at of growing better the grew worse. This a time without mentioning poli- lodge notified the local lodge, and they saw tics, though they may take up that he had a trained nurse and everything thing said to make her feel that she was

roll the balls for an hour or more as fast building, and the establishment, including

their cigars have a good, quiet talk and building committee, consisting of nine mem-



The Lodge Room in Elks' Club House

below zero, but as the snow was

pends largely on whether we are prepared

trails in the snow and continually gets in

the way. What one requires is some form

cross-country athlete knows, a man can

A pair of gloves, however, will go a long

way toward making one enjoy a walk on a

of your coat and keep out not only the

along alone in bad weather it is a wise pre-

you expect to be gone. When the snow is

deep and the air intensely cold a sprained

knee or a broken leg may mean death if as-

almost superhuman grit dragged himself

and feet were so badly frozen that they had

to be amputated. But to return to my own

lowed to keep moving at his best pace.

air seemed almost springlike.

unique feature of this room is a piece of black walnut, which forms the top of the Natural History Study counter in the buffet. It was given the order by Samuel Spellman, who lives in Central America. This slab is one of the A JANUARY WALK most perfect specimens, and experts say that it is quite a curiosity on account of By Ernest Harold Baynes its perfection. This piece of wood was kept in cold storage so that it could be properly

One of the peculiar features of the whole affair is that in every room the majority of the decorations pointed out to the visof the decorations pointed out to the visitor are remembrances from members who twenty inches deep on the level, the exerparts of the world. It seems that these warm before I had gone half a mile, and men form an attachment for their order, when occasionally I got out of the wind the from which they are never able to wean themselves, and the first thing they think Whether we enjoy winter or dislike it de-

of is to send all curiosities to the lodge. On the second floor is what is called the for it or not. Cold weather has no terrors lounging, smoking and music room. This for us if we know that we are not going to can be made into three distinct rooms or be cold in it, and half the nuisance of snow into one large room that extends across is gone if we are sure that we can go where the whole front of the building and also its we like without getting our feet or clothing entire length. The room is divided by ac- wet. I am speaking now for those of us cordion doors, which can be folded back who mind getting their feet wet; some of against the wall, and are not noticeable. It us don't. In other words, with warm clothis in this room where all social sessions ing and a pair of rubber boots, or snoware held, and the advantage of having it shoes if the snow is deep enough, there is divided off is when committees of various nothing to prevent any healthy person from kinds are meeting. At each one of these di- enjoying himself in the worst weather the

Since the place has been in existence one stein social gathering has been held. Each member who attended this brought an individual stein, and these now adorn the walls. Some of them are very odd and original. This is an ideal lounging room, and the corners are piled with pillows which have been given by the various members. thus composing very neat cozy corners. It is so arranged that between the accordion doors a portable table can be swung. which extends the entire length of the room. On the second floor there is also a pantry, and a dumb waiter which is connected with the cellar. On this floor is also a check room, as well as a ladies' dressing room, the latter arranged with long mirrors and all conveniences.

IN THE LODGE ROOM. The third floor is entirely taken up by the lodge room. The way leading from the rooms without once going through any part

years ago, and the other is Joseph T. Fan- who were married did not permit their not only very handsome in furnishings and hand carved and trimmed in dark green book was presented to the lodge by Capt. William E. English as a Christmas gift in

When the lodge is ready to convene he has simply to press a button, which is connectof the place is that the whole structure was then ceases. Surrounding him are the rest There is a platform extending along each the chairs for the two remaining officers. Leading from this room is the initiation

> In the middle of the ceiling is a large and very artistic center of cathedral glass, The lights of the room can be so glass, the ones around the elk's head and the one in the clock can be lighted independently of the others, and this, with the At the opposite end of the hall is a large elk's head that was presented to the order Samuel Murray, a former resident of which is also the number of the local lodge. antlers are anything but even in number,

The lodge room, including the gallery, can Around the walls are the portraits of

FEW days before the recent Jan- as I could see. The holes were much too large to have been made by a meadow mouse, and quite too small for a muskrat and I doubt if I should have discovered The thermometer stood at ten what animal had made them if the impudent head of a red squirrel had not appeared suddenly at one of the holes. and a look of astonishment on his face, and have left the city and located in other tion of getting through it made me glowing a small apple in his mouth. He dropped the he argued, there are other 50 centses, and be exhausted. All of the seats at the latter on the snow in front of him, but retained the former for about five secon or until, with a frightened squeal, he darted to the invisible regions below. The little apple, lying upon the snow, told a pathetic efforts to satisfy it, and I wondered if he had any sense keen enough to tell him where each individual apple lay, or whether he tunneled blindly with the hope of finding

one occasionally. Further on I came to a stretch of halfopen country, covered with barberry and other bushes. And here I found the paths which the rabbits had made the night before, and all along these paths the twigs of the bushes under which they ran had been cut off clean, as though with a penknife, by the sharp front teeth of the rabbits. And thus the snow, which had done the animals an injury in one way by covering up their food upon the ground, served winter can turn out. For a winter walk in to a height at which they could crop the tender twigs menrer the tops of the bushes. The grouse, too, had made use of the deep snow as a platform from which to pick the barberries. In spite of their natural dom of movement. With such clothing one snowshoes, the birds had sunk quite deep can afford to dress lightly, for, as every in many places, and their trail was little more than a gutter. And as I passed one of the bushes I saw an old bird's nest which had been roofed by a white-footed mouse, and as I touched a twig the tenant put his head out of the door to see what the matter was. But I stood very still, and presbitterly cold day. Not kid gloves, but a ently he went in again, perhaps to curl up good big pair, which allow for a generous and go to sleep until the fall of night should make it comparatively safe for him with gauntlets which come over the cuffs to go out in search of food, and to leave his lace-like trail in the surface of the moonlit wind, but the snow. And if you are going snow But the most delightful incident of my

caution to tell your friends which direction walk occurred when I was nearing home. you intend to take, and the length of time A flock of hungry chickadees flew into a maple tree above me, perhaps knowing that I had something to do with the many square meals they have enjoyed this winsistance does not arrive in time. I know a ter. One of them hopped to a branch close man who broke his leg in a blizzard, and by above my head, and I felt in my pocket for some broken nuts. Taking off my glove, I home for more than a mile on his hands extended the hand containing the offering. and knees. He saved his life, but his hands and I had his earnest attention in a moment. Down he came close to me, crying "Dee-dee-dee," and peering into my face with his beady black eyes, as much as to I had not gone far into the woods when, say, "Is it all right? Come now, is it?" in passing a low-growing wild apple tree, I But without waiting for a reply, he flew noticed that the surface of the snow be- upon my finger, calmly picked up a piece of neath it had been disturbed in an irregular nut, and flew back into the maple tree.

and all who belong

gage actively in preserving of, the big meal. The ladies of the section which happens to be "it" always take great pride in outdoing all of the other sections.

have become famous for the appetizing supper that they have provided.

There was a big church supper not long room. A large ago. "Now, be sure to come to-night," said pan full of cold, greasy water had been a little woman of the church to a male ac- placed in the sink and around it stood four quaintance. "Our section isn't giving it, women, each of them ready to grab the and I can't guarantee that it will be first- first knife, fork, plate or glass that came class in every respect, of course, but it will out of it half-way clean, and to rush back only cost you 50 cents and you will be con- with it to some impatient guest who had tributing to a good cause. It's for charity, been told that a full set of dishes and cut-

cluded that he might as well spend his 50 come early were enjoying themselves, in cents that way as any other. It is true spite of the coffee. The big dishes of that he had been arranging for a different chicken, cold ham, fried oysters and other he might, by hard work, get hold of an- various tables were occupied. In the big to the supper and took chances. And from the supper room stood the late comers, others who were present, he is in a posi- well-stocked tables with hungry eyes. When

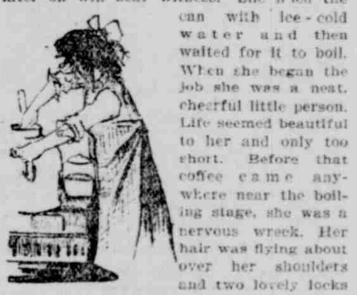
giving the supper, but the ladies who were it. And this leads up to the one great quesacting as the hostesses were bent upon tion concerning church suppers; Which one great fault was their lack of system rives first and is compelled to eat while not to allow any other one of them to him like a searchlight, or the one who them well in another way by lifting them assume the dignity of commander general, comes in late and is obliged to watch the orders given; but nobody paid any attention act? to these orders. Each woman brought just Of course, the Funny Man was present what she chose to bring, and just as much upon the memorable evening under present or as little as she pleased. And so when consideration. Each church has its Funny the afternoon preceding the supper ar- Man. When the Funny Man hove in sight rived, many women appeared upon the he was greeted on all sides by cries of scene loaded down with baskets containing "Oh, there he is now! Come and sit at cakes, crackers, pickles, jellies, ples and our table-we want to laugh." And the doughnuts, but nothing in the way of sub- Funny Man, being a true humorist of the stantial edibles. It was only through the first rank, grasped this opportunity to most frantic hustling and bustling and end- score his first hit of the evening by saying less telephoning that anything like a real that he would sit at each table in turn supper was made ready for the expected and make everybody laugh while he ate ap guests at 50 cents per guest.

When 6 o'clock came, all too soon, the of a joke as everybody supposed, for if little kitchen adjoining the big dining room anybody got left on good things to eat that was filled with tired women, young and night it wasn't the mirth provoker. old, and all of them as cross as the proa new bride, who had asserted weeks be- jokes he had sprung at previous suppers. fore that she could make the best coffee secured the first chair that was available be permitted to prepare that beverage, and starter. Several pretty waitresses deserted it was decided to allow her to distinguish their tables and hurried to his side, for manner. It was furrowed, and here and With my finger delightfully tingling from that the coffee-pot leaked and so it was tinguished personage. He selected the there there were holes leading into little that delicate grasp I went home feeling as necessary to make the coffee in a large prettiest one and said in a loud voice:

> the young matron of several women who were surrounding her, each one of whom soup." was itching to make the coffee herself. "I always measure it carefully, you know, knowing in advance just how funny it was allowing a heaping tablespoonful for each cup, and one for the pot."

"Well, my dear friend," said a sharpof coffee, and who turned up this evening fits of laughter that almost suffocated him, with several bags of doughnuts-to make and everybody joined in right heartily. four gallons of the liquid refreshment out treating from the kitchen.

So the little bride did as she was told, as those who drank some of the beverage later on will bear witness. She filed the



hair was flying about over her shoulders and two lovely locks were glued together with the white of an egg; her white sleeves were brown with coffee stains and there was a patch of soot on her dear little nose. At intervals of three minutes some of the women of the church has its Rich Family. Some churches section would swoop down upon her and may have several, but there is always one demand to know "if that coffee was ready." that lords it over the others. The Rich They told her that some of the guests had Family usually has an air of ownership finished eating and had left in disgust be- and patronage when its members attend cause there was no coffee. Furthermore, a church supper that would make the farathey tell her that if she hadn't been so ily of an Euglish ford seem insignificant, determined to prepare the stuff in her own and the "section" in charge of the affair peculiar way, they might have given her niways loses its head when the great folks some valuable pointers. They asked her put in an appearance. At this particular why she didn't put more fuel into the stove, supper the "rection" having no head to although they could see well enough that lose in the beginning, simply collapsed the stove was almost at a white heat and when the mighty ones turned up at a late that everything else on it was burning to hour when all of the tables were cinders. But nothing seemed to disturb untidy and stripped of most of the best the calm serenity of that milk can and its edibles. couraged and heart-sick, into the vessel having cent a good share of the supper, for the seven hundredth time and discovered had decided to help serve it. The "head that a foamy scum had come to the top liners" bowed to right and left with royal and that a thin steam was floating off. The

RCH suppers are very queer joy that Columbus experienced when he things. No irreverence is intend- made his little discovery was as nothing to ed in making this statement, for the ecstacy felt by the little coffeemaker everybody knows that a church upon that momentous occasion. She was supper has but little con- seized with an ungovernable paroxism of nection with sacred matters. There delight and was helplessly led away by her have been church suppers that were devoted husband, who was called in, starved worth twice the amount demanded by the almost to death, from the supper room,

cashiers in charge of the finances, and then "Now, just let me take a hand," chuckled again there have been church suppers that a fat, elderly woman, with a knowing exhave brought home to the good folks who pression on her round face. "I'll have it attended them the unspeakable anguish to boiling in a jiffy." Which, of course, she did, as the stuff was on the verge of boil-Most of the local churches go about giv- ing when she appeared on the scene. ing a "benefit supper" in pretty much the Throughout the rest of the week, it is said, same way. The ladies of the church are she went about explaining to all who were divided into sections in accordance with the willing to listen, how quickly that coffee But those who had tasted the coffee only smiled sickening smiles and those who had

> not tasted it were not interested, The mess and confusion around the little kitchen sink would have driven a company of men to drink-church-goers or not. One

maid - the only appearance out were brought in from the supper

lery would soon be forthcoming.

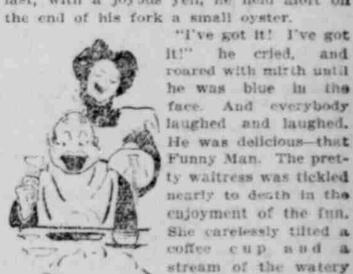
The male acquaintance went. He con- In the supper room the guests who had sort of disposition of the money, but then, good things looked as if they would never other one some time. Any way he went double doorway between the front hall and what he saw there himself, and from what waiting for the chance to get something to he heard, and from what he gleaned from eat and gazing at the fortunate ones at the tion to give a reasonably faithful account a guest would rise from the table, after of that supper from its inception to its having finished his supper, a half-starved new guest would take the vacated chair al-It wasn't the tip-top section that was most before its former occupant was out of outshining their more celebrated rivals. The would you rather be-the guest who arand the determination of each one of them many greedy, envious eyes are turned upon "Now, you bring ham, and you bring supper fast disappearing before he can get oysters, and you bring cake," were the an opportunity to assist in the vanishing

everything in sight, which wasn't so much

The Funny Man, beaming with good verbial bundle of sticks. One young lady, humor and hastily recalling all of the good that anybody ever tasted, had begged to and prepared to crack a rich jest as a herself. At the last moment it was found it was an honor to wait upon this dis-"Now, tell me the truth-have you any "How many cups shall I prepare?" asked oyster soup?" The pretty waitress said "Yes, that there was plenty of oyster

Feeling the funny point coming, and going to be, he became convulsed with laughter. He shook and shook and grew red in the face, and coughed, and then faced woman, "just two pounds of cof- finally managed to splutter: "Well, now, fee have been donated and you are ex- just you bring me a bowl of oyster souppected by some people-ladies who were and-and-be-be sure-be sure there's an told only yesterday to bring a pound each oyster in it." At this point he went into

When the young lady had brought the of the material you have on hand. I'd ad- soup and set it down in front of him, every vise you to put in the two pounds and fill one waited breathlessly to see what he the can up with water." And the sharp- would do. Of course, everybody knew just faced one glared mercllessly at three em- what he would do, except the youngsters barrassed young women who were fast re- present, who could not remember having seen him do it before during the last seven years. He took up a fork and picked about with it in the soup, pretending to search each nook and corner in the bowl. Then at last, with a joyous yell, he held aloft on



liquid dampened the Funny Man's shirt front, and also his en-

The Rich Family was there, too. Every-

contents. However, when all hope was The Rich Family belonged to the "Fees given up, the little bride peeped, dis- tion" that was presiding that evening, but alty as they appeared in the double door-



A Cozy Corner in the Smcking Room

smoke together. And in this manner the bers, was appointed and given full authorrooms between the times of regular lodge selected and purchased for \$20,000. The

dinarily prosperous body. At present it away with the exception of the side and has a membership of over 600, and this is back walls, and in these the present buildsteadily increasing each year. The order ing was put. No expense was spared to here was organized in 1881, and since then make the place comfortable and spacious, front door to this room is a continuous its growth has been almost phenomenal, and all of the latest conveniences were put winding hall connected by stairways. If a The local lodge enjoys a distinction that no into it, so that a more complete building member so desires he can go to the lodge other lodge in the country does, which is would be hard to find, that two of the grand exalted rulers have The nine men who composed the building of the building of the building of the building of the building that is given over to the sobeen chosen from it. The first one was Wil- committee were for the most part bache- cial side. having been chosen in Baltimore last sum- whole affair is a man's building from the mer. The grand exalted ruler is the highest cellar to the roof, including all furniture. office that this order has, and he is the head draperies and decorations. Everything in of all the lodges that are in existence.

AN AMERICAN ORDER.

This organization is purely American, and no lodge can be organized in any country that does not live under the stars and stripes. Lodges have lately been started in Hawaii, and it will only be a short time until they will spring up in all of the lately-acquired territory of the United States. The Elks is an organization which is purely characteristic of this country, and one of the strongest provisions is that it cannot be extended to another land, The total membership now numbers something over 105,000, which is an increase of over 27,000 members during the year 1992.

One of the most interesting features of this organization is the manner in which its benevolence is bestowed upon its members who are in need. It makes no promises, and therefore puts itself under no obligations to assist members, but it also has no limit on its charity offerings. If one of the members needs financial aid he simply makes an appeal to the secretary of the lodge, who brings it up at the next meeting, and the question of the amount to be given to this brother in distress is put to a vote before the whole lodge. When the member has been aided nothing is ever said about it afterward; no member of the order is permitted again to speak of the incident, and on no occasion is he allowed to say anything about it outside of the lodge

In speaking of this, one of the members said: "A man who needs financial aid, and belongs to this order, has simply to make his appeal, and the money will be given him, no matter whether it is \$10 or \$10,000, and if he happens to be in a strange place of the chair are made from the animal's oddity and in a predicament of this kind he goes to the local lodge, and the secretary there will correspond with the secretary of the be forthcoming. As an illustration of how we manage our benevolence: Some time ago one of our brothers was taken down with consumption. The doctor said the only a change of climate. Now he was a man of family, and had not been very fortunate in this world, so poor fellow, he had no money to take him to another place.

to California to a noted health resort, room is the buffet. This is furnished in

members of the Elks take pleasure in their ity to act as it saw fit. The location was building that was on the site was in fairly The Elks' Lodge in this city is an extraor- good condition, but everything was torn

lors and widowers, and the two or three the place was selected by this committee. and no woman was allowed to have anything to do with it; for this the members are very proud, because such excellent taste was shown throughout, and strict attention paid to all details, a thing that men are seldom given credit for. Another feature built by Elks, even to running the electric wires through the building. When the bids were advertised for everyone was admitted into the competition, and not in a single instance did a contractor outside of the order underbid those who were Elks, so the

The floors in every part of the building dinary flooring, and this is covered with a hard wood, which is oiled and polished very highly. In the centers of all the rooms, which are twelve in number, are

heavy brussels rugs. On entering the building the visitor steps to the billiard room, and on the other to rooms in the building, is large and spacious. The furniture in it is of solid mahogany, covered with green plush, and in the center of the room is a large green rug. The whole appearance is very handsome. On the wall is an oil painting, which extends almost to the floor; it is the lifesized picture of an elk, which was preunique chair that was given the order by two of its members ten years ago. It is are exceptionally large ones, and the legs

This was presented to the order by John R.

"The order heard about it, and sent him Leading from the side of the billiard G. Yeaman; inner guard, C. A. Grossart; where he stayed for a number of months. solid mahogany, and is where the members All the time he was under the care of the lounge around and smoke and talk. The tendent is Thomas Heidian.

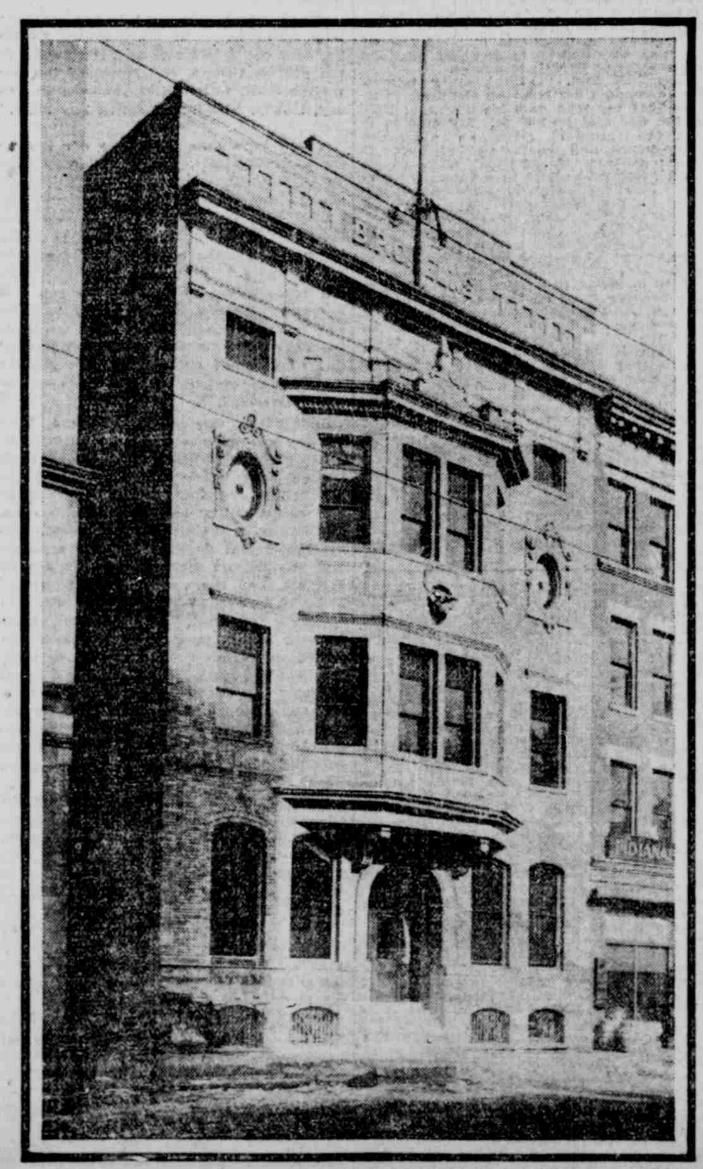
hall, so that members of one committee can the country an overcoat is a mistake; it another. The trimmings of this room are of clothing which will permit perfect freeentirely of specially selected, quartersawed oak. In front of this room is a piano, and in the center is a large table, on keep himself warm in zero weather with which is piled all of the latest magazines practically no clothing at all if he is al-

his ceremony is kept.

The lodge room is covered by a twentyfoot steel ceiling, so that perfect vibration can-be had. A person can talk in an ordinary tone of voice, and can be distinctly over the chair of the exalted ruler is an elk's head, surrounded by red, white and the dial of a clock with a light behind it. with the hands pointing to the hour of This is an emblem of the order, and at this hour of the night when the lodge is in session all business ceases, and a toast is drank to the health of the absent broth-This same ceremony is always gone through with whenever a crowd of Elks

under ordinary circumstances seat 300 peocan be comfortably seated, so it is seen that this place is large and spacious. The foor coverings are of heavy brussels drugall of the exalted rulers hung in succession. Take the room as a whole, it is hard to conceive a more beautiful or appropriate

leading knight, J. H. O'Brian; esteemed loyal knight, F. Bodemillar; esteemed lecturing knight, H. A. Moran; secretary, C. B. Balz; treasurer, William Kotteman; esquire, C. C. Kuhn; tyler, O. Fertig, Saul Munter and G. C. Schmidt. The organist is H. Y. Mercer, and the superin-



Front of Elks' Club House, East Maryland Street